

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9. Uttar Pradesh	-	28	-	20	-	13	
10. M.P.	12	-	-	-	-	-	
11. Orissa	-	83	-	66	-	153	
12. Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13. Assam	-	40	-	109	-	-	
14. West Bengal	-	92	-	45	-	30	

Reservation of Two Berths to Physically Handicapped

4191. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to allot two berths in sleeper class for the physically handicapped persons in each non-suburban train under reservation quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether reservation is also proposed to be provided for the attendant accompanying them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d) Ministry of Railways have issued instructions to Zonal Railways to earmark two berths in sleeper class in all train running on non-suburban sections for handicapped persons performing their journey on handicapped concessional ticket. The person accompanying the handicapped person as escort will also be provided accommodation out of this quota.

Joint Venture of SAIL for Coal

4192. SHRI VIJAY PATEL : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether SAIL is planning for joint venture for mining a part of its coal requirements; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) SAIL has applied to the Ministry of Coal for allocation of certain identified coking coal mining blocks. SAIL proposes to operate these blocks either on its own or on joint venture basis with other parties to meet a part of its coal requirement. The Screening Committee, functioning in the Ministry of Coal, had identified four coking coal mining blocks for captive development by SAIL. After detailed studies SAIL have decided to harness the Tasra Coking Coal Block.

In this regard, SAIL had sought in principle approval of the Ministry of Steel for formation of Joint Venture

Coal Company and the Ministry has conveyed its broad agreement to the same.

Performance of Public Sector Undertakings

4193. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the performance of each of the Public Sector Undertakings under Mines Sector during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of ongoing/new proposals for expansion/revival of these undertakings and provision of funds made for each of the PSUs for the current year;

(c) the steps taken to improve performance of these PSUs during the next three years; and

(d) the total number of Board level posts vacant/likely be fall vacant during the current year, PSU-wise and action taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) The performance of the six Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Mines during the last three years in terms of profit/loss is given below :

Name of the PSUs	(Rs. in Crores) (-) Loss		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1. NALCO	156.72	300.17	535.25
2. BALCO	15.27	90.51	163.33
3. HCL	(-)69.55	72.26	75.84
4. HZL	4.55	76.43	65.71
5. MECL	(-)11.86	(-)14.03	(-)12.24
6. BGML	(-)39.39	(-)36.50	(-)43.73

(b) and (c) The expansion/modernisation/revival of Public Sector Undertakings is a continuous process, and wherever feasible, necessary budgetary support under Annual Plan is given by the Government to loss making companies. The plan outlays proposed in RE

1996-97 and BE 1997-98 in respect of PSUs of this Ministry are given below :

(Rs. in Crores)			
Name of the PSUs	R.E. 1996-97	B.E. 1997-98	Budgetary Support 97-98
1. NALCO	203.72	461.96	-
2. BALCO	34.95	63.60	-
3. HCL	51.40	191.00	13.00
4. HZL	68.00	124.00	-
5. MECL	10.50	8.00	8.00
6. BGML	6.00	6.00	6.00

The details of some important projects of the PSUs are indicated below :

(i) Expansion of Bauxite Mines of NALCO from

2.4 million TPY to 4.8 million TPY and Alumina Refinery from 0.80 million TPY to 1.575 million TPY at an estimated cost of Rs. 1665 crores (June, 1996 price level) approved.

(ii) Installation of a new Cold Rolling Mill of 40,000 tonnes capacity alongwith associated facilities by BALCO at an estimated cost of Rs. 157 crores has been approved.

(iii) Expansion of Lead-Zinc Ore Beneficiation plant at Rampura-Agucha Mine from the existing level of 3,000 tonnes per day to 4500 tonnes per day at a total cost of Rs. 45.13 crores is under execution by Hindustan Zinc Ltd.

(d) The position of Board level Vacant posts in Public Sector Undertakings and action taken to fill up these posts is given below :-

S.No.	Name of PSU/ post	Since when the post is Vacant/likely to be vacant.	Date of PESB recommendations, if any	Present position
1.	CMD/HCL	1.9.95	15.12.95	Acting arrangement made.
2.	Dir(F)HCL	7.10.96	27.2.97	Proposal for extension of the tenure upto the date of retirement (28.2.98) of the present incumbent has been submitted to the Government.
3.	Dir(P)HCL	4.11.97	-	Action to fill up the post is not yet due.
4.	Dir(P&TS)/HCL	9.4.91 (Date of creation of post)	-	The post has been kept in in abeyance.
5.	Dir(F)/BGML	-	5.10.89	The post has been kept in abeyance.
6.	Director(Technical)/ BGML)	15.10.96	-	The earlier incumbent has been promoted as MD,BGML and the post is vacant. Filling up of the post is not considered necessary.
7.	Dir(F)/HZL	5.7.96	11.12.96	No decision has been taken.
8.	CMD/NALCO	18.6.97	-	Action initiated for giving extension to the present incumbent.
9.	Dir(P&T)/NALCO	30.9.97	-	Action to fill-up the post initiated.
10.	Dir(P&A)/NALCO	30.9.97	-	Action to fill-up the post initiated.

Flying Clubs at Bhopal and Indore

4194. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of flying clubs at Bhopal and Indore in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of planes owned by each of these flying clubs;

(c) the number of persons trained at each of these flying clubs during the last three years;

(d) the fee being charged for total training;

(e) whether the entire expenditure is borne by trainees;

(f) if so, there is any subsidy from any quarters towards the training fee; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?